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Dustin Bajer stands by some of the 13 beehives he built over the winter, which he's sold to urban residents eager to have the home-based hives. See story, *Edmonton News*. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Schools fear uneven cuts

POST-SECONDARY

Revenue-generating universities to see less cash



With more cuts in store for Alberta's post-secondary sector, a government spokesman said future reductions won't be applied evenly — instead schools that generate more revenue could get smaller chunks of funding.

Campus Alberta grants were rolled-back by 1.4 per cent in the March budget. Now, a larger 2.7 per cent reduction is expected for 2016-2017, but will be ap-

plied using a "differentiated" model, said John Muir, spokesman for Alberta's advanced education ministry.

"Part of our plans for making the system more financially sustainable are to give Alberta's post-secondary institutions more flexibility to enhance revenue generation, through mechanisms such as donations, endowments and sponsorships, for example.

"We do anticipate that institutions that can generate additional revenue will not need as much reliance on government grants."

MacEwan University president David Atkinson said details about the new model are sparse, but added it's concerning government would potentially force institutions to rely on fundraising for day-to-day expenses.

"My experience with

donors and sponsors is that what they are interested in supporting are those initiatives that add value to the institution. They are not so much interested in funding core activities," Atkinson said.

Atkinson added there has long been a concern that the government could introduce this sort of varying funding cuts.

"Certainly over the course of the last six months, a number of institutions in the province that do have some capacity — who have been prudent managers of their resources — were worried that, of course because they have been prudent, that because they're in better financial shape than others, that they would be in some way penalized," he said.

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Grieving lost brothers and sisters

ETHIOPIAN COMMUNITY

Crowd mourns loss of African migrants



Leah Holoiday
Metro | Edmonton

While Edmonton may be their adopted home, hundreds gathered in Churchill Square Sunday evening to share their grief and mourn the loss of their Ethiopian countrymen in recent weeks.

More than 100 people gathered in solidarity to honour the 30 Ethiopians killed in Libya, along with the on-going attacks targeting migrants in South Africa and the death of 800 emigrants who died while trying to cross the Mediterranean.

Yohanes Wolde Giorgis, executive director Ethiopian-Canadian Community Association, said Sunday's vigil aimed at raising awareness for migrants throughout all of Africa.

"It is a very bad time and al-

though this event zeroes in on one particular event, there is just so much terrible brutality and so many things are happening around that area," he said.

Wolde Giorgis said the world has become so interconnected that the effects of brutality abroad are felt at home, even in Edmonton.

"The problem is not going to stop in Africa," he said. "This has become a very global issue and I think the people of Edmonton need to be aware that there are bad people out there, but there is also a majority... (of) good people that (because of) one or two bad apples, makes it hard to live in a peaceful area."

For Eritrea-born Helen, Sunday's vigil was important to honour people trying to have a better life.

Asking her last name not be published, Helen said she immigrated to Canada 11 years ago and sees this most recent tragedy as a crime against more than just one nationality.

"This is not only an Ethiopian people tragedy," she said. "We



The Ethiopian flag flies in Churchill Square as more than 100 people gather Sunday evening for a vigil to mourn victims.

KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

need to just see humans as human beings. No matter where you come from, humans are human."

While the deaths in Libya may have triggered Sunday's demonstration, Wolde said it's important that all migrants are hon-

oured, especially since Canada is a country built on immigrants. "Canada has always been interested in the well-being of others

as witnessed towards its general attitude towards other cultures and the inclusion of multiculturalism," he said.

POLITICS

No debate for me, PC candidate Xiao tells community organizers

Debate organizers in Edmonton are finding it hard to get Progressive Conservative candidates to show up, with one taking a pass on community-organized forums.

Rio Terrace Community League president Lance Burns said they have already been told their local candidate David Xiao won't be making an appearance

at their April 30 forum.

"I don't feel it is fair to the voters and I don't feel it is fair to the candidates themselves," Burns said.

He said all other riding candidates jumped at the opportunity, but Xiao was not willing to attend.

"We tried to make it as flexible

as possible — evenings, weekends — but it was just an unequivocal 'No.'"

Burns posted a response he received from Xiao's then-campaign manager, Graham Fletcher.

"After quite some deliberation, it was unanimously decided, with David Xiao present, that this would not be the highest

and best use of Mr. Xiao's time," read the reply from Fletcher.

Fletcher, who resigned from the campaign, said Xiao much prefers door knocking and one-on-one time with constituents.

Neil Dunwald, civics director for the Blue Quill Community League, said PC candidate Chris LaBossiere initially did not com-

mit to their forum. But, when Metro reached out on Sunday, a spokesman for LaBossiere's campaign confirmed he would be in attendance.

"We're very big on public engagement and getting people engaged in the community, and this is one of the ways for the league to do that," he said.

A forum held April 22 by the group Community Action on school renewal — that was not specific to a riding — also failed to attract either a PC or Wildrose candidate.

Metro asked to speak with Xiao, but calls were not returned before press time.

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METRO EXPLAINS

What's in a poll?

Polls have formed an interesting narrative in this year's Alberta election. Here's a snapshot at how the numbers have changed since the campaign started.



Voters line up at a polling station in High River to cast their ballot for the Alberta election in April 2012. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE



Alberta Progressive Conservative Leader Jim Prentice arrives for the leaders debate in Edmonton on Thursday. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pre-election fear-mongering begins

PROVINCIAL ELECTION

Tories go on offence against surging NDP

With just days to go in the Alberta election campaign, the battle is on for undecided voters between, depending on whom you talk to, the corporate Muppets and the union puppets.

And everyone has set their phasers to fear.

As NDP Leader Rachel Notley enjoys a popularity bump coming off Thursday's debate, Premier Jim Prentice and his Progressive Conservatives

have switched from attacking the Opposition Wildrose to painting the New Democrats as the party that will turn Alberta into a socialist dystopia.

During the debate, Prentice warned viewers Notley takes direction from "union bosses." The weekend saw conservatives try to paint Notley as anti-pipeline for suggesting the controversial Northern Gateway project through B.C. isn't likely to succeed in the face of stiff opposition along the route. It's a reversal of the 2012 Alberta election that saw the Tories under Alison Redford woo progressive fence-sitters by stoking fears that the Wildrose Party was intolerant towards minorities

and didn't believe in climate change.

"This is to appeal to conservatives to keep away the red scare," says Duane Bratt, a political scientist with Mount Royal University in Calgary. "(The Tories) had been dealing with Notley with gloved hands. They have switched strategies mid-campaign. Now it is an NDP-PC battle."

The election was supposed to be a coronation for Prentice and his Tories, who have been running Alberta for more than four decades. But polls have put his party, the NDP and the Wildrose together in a three-way fight with about one in five voters still undecided.

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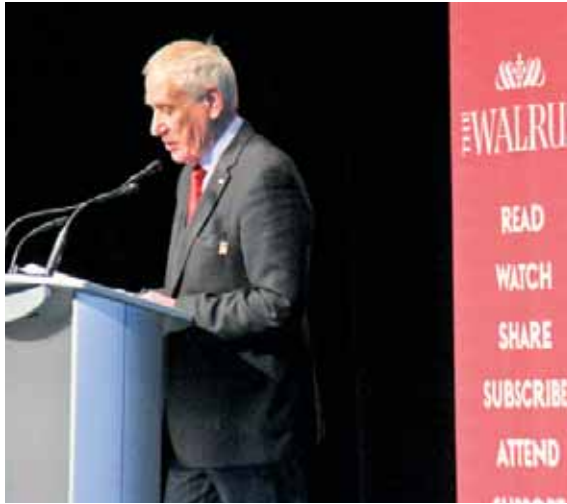


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Three things we learned at the Walrus Talks

On Thursday, nine speakers gave their take on what an "Aboriginal City" looks like at Walrus Talks, held at the Shaw Centre. It's a conversation Edmonton has been having on smaller levels for years, but now it's mainstream. Here are three things Edmonton learned.



Architect Douglas Cardinal speaks at Walrus Talks Thursday.

TIM QUERENGESSER/METRO

3 'You are surrounded'

Edmonton has the largest urban indigenous population in Canada. Yes, Winnipeg has long been believed to hold that title, but Edmonton's Lewis Cardinal said that if you go outside the city limits, the indigenous population swells to 100,000. "You are surrounded by Indians," he joked.

1 'Our home'

Urban is not a new identity for indigenous people. "It is a choice we made about where we want to live," said Ginger Gosnell-Myers, an indigenous researcher with the City of Vancouver. "The city is our home."

2 Deep history

Edmonton's deep indigenous history. "Indigenous people gathered here for at least 10,000 years, just outside these windows," Cardinal said, staring at the river valley.

ELECTION

Clark the new hope for Alberta Party



Ryan Tumilty
Metro|Edmonton

While the Alberta Party has existed for decades, it was five years ago that the modern iteration was born.

Midge Lambert was there. Lambert has been a party board member, a candidate and a passionate volunteer in the years since. What she and the party have yet to be on election night, though, is a winner.

At 72, Lambert said this election is her last hurrah for the Alberta Party, and in future elections she'll be only a voter.

"I am trying to retire right now, so if we don't win this election or we don't get some seats, I will be leaving," she said.

The 2012 election, under then leader Glenn Taylor, was a real disappointment, Lambert said, because the party failed to win a seat.

"It was quite devastating because everybody had just worked flat out."

Greg Clark is the new hope.

While Taylor spent more time on the road, Clark has focused on his riding.

"It's important we elect an Alberta Party MLA," he said, explaining the strategy.

Clark, who started his own technology company and helped launch a community group for Calgary neighbourhoods hit by the floods, said he's used to building things.

He said with the Alberta Party, the game is about getting a foot in the door, even if it's just his to start.

"There are no silver medals in politics and there are no shortcuts."



Alberta Party Leader Greg Clark. METRO FILE



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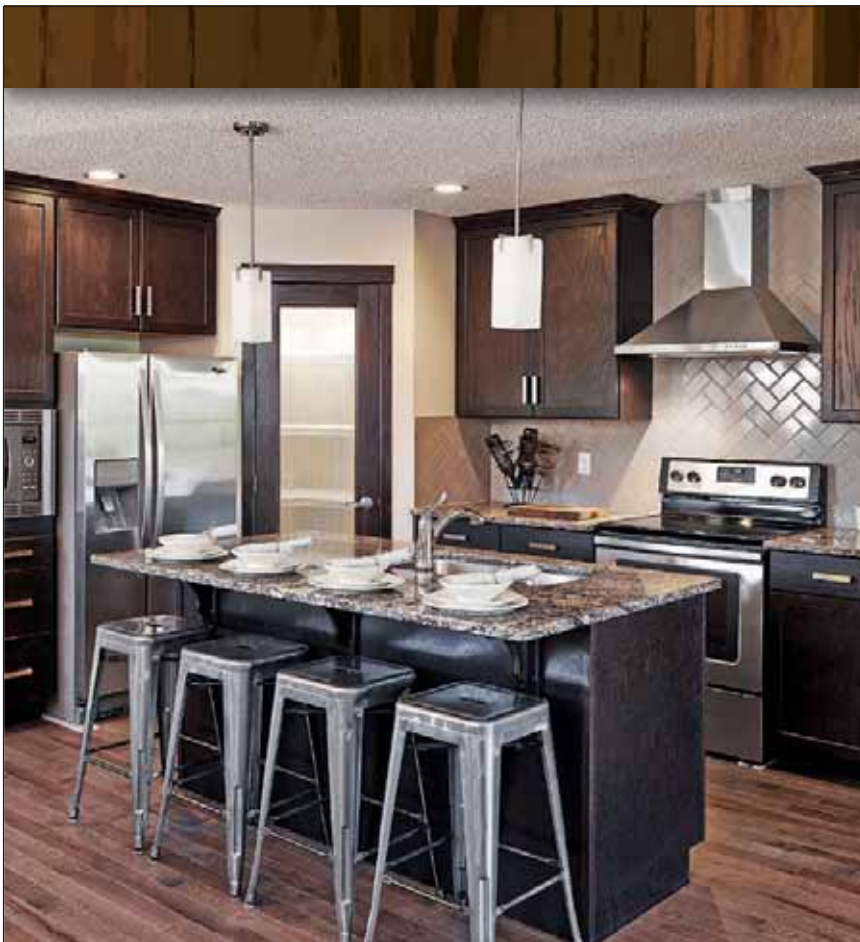


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The Buena Vista building on 124 Street could soon have a 24-storey tower sprouting from the top, if councillors approve a new development Monday. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Buena Vista proposal hits council Monday

HISTORIC BUILDING

Developer and business improvement association disagree



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

One of the city's signature buildings could be in for a major change, but only if a proposed redevelopment is approved by city council on Monday.

Edgar Developments, which owns the historic Buena Vista building on 124 Street, is proposing to take down the structure and put up a 25-storey apartment complex, and they're asking city council for a required rezoning on Monday.

The redevelopment proposes to preserve the building's historic façade, but Jeff McLaren, executive director of the area business improvement association, said it's too much of a change. "That building is going to change the street quite dramatically and our concern is the precedent it could be setting," he said.

McLaren said the business improvement association wants to see a full plan for the entire area rather than just ad-hoc development, especially when the plan is to start with such a landmark. "A lot of our marketing materials in the past have always identified that building and it's actually one of the last historic buildings on 124 Street."

And McLaren said that he's heard business owners in the building are already being told they have to leave. He said with the public hearing not even taking place or approvals granted, that seems premature.

"We're concerned about that, because that makes us suspicious about the protocol and the process," said McLaren.

Henry Edgar, vice-president of Edgar development, said they have been upfront with the building's tenants all along.

"We're asking businesses to move out by the end of May, but we have a very good relationship with all of our tenants and they're being compensated for their moves," he said.

Edgar said a tower on 124 Street will add the residential development the area needs.

"There's precedent for height in that area. We're just off Jasper Avenue."

He said when construction is complete the tower will be set back from the restored Buena Vista building and will fit right back into the community.

"You're not going to feel like you're looking up at a tower. It will feel like it does today."

PROPOSED BYLAW SHIFT

Buzzing all the way to the bank

With many convinced the city will change its bylaws this Tuesday to allow urban homeowners to keep one beehive in a backyard, with exceptions, Dustin Bajer has discovered a new source of money — as well as honey.

Over the winter Bajer has built wooden beehives in his small basement workshop, all for sale to newbie beekeepers. He says he's not getting rich off bees, but definitely breaking even now. "I've put together 13 hives for other people," he said, noting that he could have sold many more if he'd put his mind to it.

"I would say (the proposed bylaw change) has probably doubled the interest in hives,"

Bajer said. "Not everybody who's purchased one is from within the city, but I get phone calls and emails on a regular basis. I would attribute that to potential changes in the bylaw."

Bajer consults on agriculture for Northlands, teaches science in high school, helps junior-high kids start gardens and runs many other projects. He owns 10 hives outside the city, and, if the bylaw goes through, he's got plans for each of them.

"I'm hoping to move those into the city in different lots, in and around different residential areas," he said. "Not right downtown, but residential neighbourhoods surrounding downtown."

Bajer said it isn't clear if the city will allow owners of urban hives to sell their honey. That's a bit of a laugh at the moment, as each hive — which can hold between 10,000 and 80,000 bees — produces about 100 pounds of honey per year.

What does he do with his surplus honey? Turns it into mead. "It's fun," he said.

What about safety? Bees aren't aggressive like wasps, he said, and only sting if provoked. The proposed bylaw shift would create buffer zones and fence requirements to ensure people don't accidentally stumble into an urban hive, he added.

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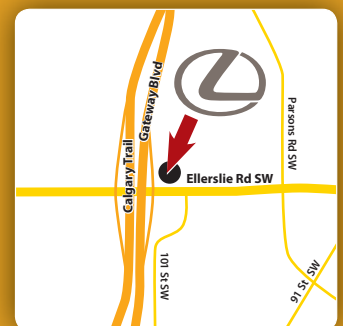
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Local Nepalese community raises money after quake

Edmonton's Nepalese community rallied over the weekend to raise money for family and friends devastated by a powerful earthquake that shook Nepal Saturday.

Kusumakar Sharma, president of the Nepalese Canadian Society of Edmonton, said the local community has already collected \$7,000 for relief efforts as of Sunday afternoon, after more than 3,218 people were killed and over 5,900 were injured in the quake.

While many in Edmonton are still trying to contact family and friends in Nepal to ensure they're safe, Sharma said what he has heard so far are devastating stories of homes lost and property destroyed.

"Until now, we haven't heard of (any) fatalities, but many

properties merely have been damaged. So far, everybody is reporting that their relatives are safe, but their properties are damaged," he said.

Sharma, who has lived in Edmonton for the last 10 years, has been in touch with his brother and friends after they were forced to leave their home because of the damage, while aftershocks still shook the ground.

"They're staying outside at night," he said. "It's like living in a moving object. Everybody is very scared."

For Edmontonians hoping to donate for the relief effort, a link has been set up at the community group's website — necase.ca.

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A man cries on Sunday in Kathmandu, Nepal, during the funeral of his sister, a victim of the quake. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Big Brothers, Big Sisters in need of mentors

OUTREACH

Boys feeling the pain of waiting



Stephanie Dubois
Metro | Edmonton

Two years can be a long time for a kid to wait for a friend but for some kids in the city and surrounding areas, that's how long it takes.

As of April 20, some 837 kids are currently waiting for Big Brothers or Big Sisters mentors in the city and surrounding areas, with about 69 per cent of those children being boys, a number that is higher than usual.

According to Big Brothers, Big Sisters staff members, the large portion of male youth will have to wait up to two years to be paired with a buddy. Girls wait on average three to six months.

"We just don't have enough male mentors. We have a steady stream of mentors coming in ... but we're struggling with getting male mentors in," said Ashley Leonty, volunteer recruitment and training facilitator with Big Brothers, Big Sisters.

She added the strain of waiting is being felt on many of the young boys waiting for a buddy, saying some are finding it very difficult.

"It really deflates their self-esteem. They're waiting, they're excited and they want a big



Male mentors are hard to come by, say staff members at Big Brothers, Big Sisters, with some boys waiting 24 months to get a mentor. CONTRIBUTED

brother but unfortunately we can't give it to them right away," said Leonty.

The average time commit-

ment for mentors is about three hours per week, and they are able to choose the activity with the child each week.

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Killer dad still a danger: Prosecutor

COURT

New law tested as the Crown fights release

A prosecutor's rare tactics to block a British Columbia man who murdered his three children from gaining some freedom is laying the groundwork for a possible test of the Conservative government's tough-on-crime agenda.

The Crown will be gathering an update on the mental state of Allan Schoenborn at the same

not criminally responsible on account of a mental disorder, or NCRMD, for stabbing his daughter and smothering his two sons in their Merritt, B.C., home in April 2008. A B.C. Supreme Court judge found he was likely suffering from a psychotic state.

He has been held in custody at a psychiatric hospital in suburban Vancouver ever since.

The B.C. Review Board is now considering whether supervised outings would aid his rehabilitation.

The hearings began in February and are scheduled for up to

three more days this week. Most hearings take about half a day.

In an unusual step, an expert critical of international guidelines used to assess the degree of Schoenborn's threat is expected to testify.

Any high-risk application made later to B.C. Supreme Court would rely on data about the person's current mental condition, his past and expected course of treatment, and opinions of examining experts, said Crown spokesman Neil Mackenzie.

Psychologist Patrick Baillie, an NCRMD expert who testified about the bill before a Parliamentary committee on behalf of the Mental Health Commission of Canada, wouldn't ascribe an "ulterior motive" to B.C.'s Crown.

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“That's punishment and not the NCR regime in its true spirit.”

Patrick Baillie, NCRMD expert psychologist

Those watching the case believe prosecutors are manoeuvring to seek the bill's new high-risk designation for Schoenborn, which would be a first for the province and the most high-profile use of the new laws to date.

Schoenborn was declared

SOCIAL SECURITY

Bureaucratic backlog a slow slog

A federal quick-response team set up to tackle the massive backlog of cases plaguing the social security tribunal doesn't appear to be moving all that quickly.

Between December and March 20, the federal government's so-called "spike unit" reviewed fewer than 3,000 appeals from Canadians seeking social security disability payments, the employment minister's office said last week in a reply to a

written question from the NDP.

That is troubling considering that a backlog of roughly 11,000 cases had been slated for review since last fall, said New Democrat MP Jinny Sims.

"It's very, very clear that they have not allocated enough resources because they have managed to get through so few from the backlog," Sims said in an interview.

Former employment minister Jason Kenney, now the

defence minister, established the 50-member spike unit in December and said at the time he expected the backlog to be eliminated by the end of the summer.

Of the 2,948 appeal files reviewed so far, 946 settlements have been offered to sick or injured Canadians who were previously denied CPP disability benefits. Some 428 people accepted the offers, the government said.

The backlog began accumulating after the federal government launched the social security tribunal in April 2013 with a goal of streamlining the appeals process and saving Canadian taxpayers \$25 million a year.

Kenney had said the backlog got out of hand largely because the new tribunal inherited more than 7,000 "unexpected" cases from the old social security review system.

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What can police and governments do?

Stephen Gaetz, a professor at York University's faculty of education and a researcher on homelessness, says Canada is approaching the problem in "a backward way."

"We ticket the homeless. We move them on," he says. "And what it does is push the homeless away from police."

Advocates have long been pushing for an approach known as "Housing First," where the homeless are offered some choice in having their own place to stay, along with access to support services.

In the past, the homeless have had to earn their way into better housing, from shelters through to affordable-housing units, by first accepting support and treatment.

Would tougher penalties help deter people from harming the homeless?

Barb Perry, who lectures on the topic of hate crime at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, said existing Canadian law allows judges to consider if a crime is committed with hateful intent. If so, they can impose a more serious penalty. However, she said the law is seldom invoked and there isn't broad awareness of it among courts or prosecutors.

Like Gaetz, she said she's doubtful increasing prosecutions in this area would do more than send a symbolic message.

"Help people find a place to live," she says.

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Joe Sallai, 45, panhandles on a busy street corner in Toronto last month. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

For people who live on the street, danger looms large

HOMELESSNESS

Violence seldom reported but all too frequent without shelter

Tyler Dunlop says his moment of terror came after he passed out in the back parking lot of a building in Edson, Alta.

The 30-year-old homeless man says he awoke to the sound of taunts as he was being punched and kicked by four intoxicated youths.

"They ganged up on me and beat me within an inch of my life," he said of the beating in 2011, which he didn't report to police.

Dunlop's brush with violence

offers a glimpse of the dangers faced by people living on the streets.

On Tuesday, two men in Nova Scotia will be sentenced after they pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the slaying of Harley Lawrence, a 62-year-old homeless man set on fire as he slept in a bus shelter in Berwick, northwest of Halifax.

Daniel Wayne Surette, 27, and Kyle David James Fredericks, 26, admitted in an agreed statement of facts that they doused Lawrence in \$10 worth of gas before setting him on fire in October 2013.

Ian Burton says he almost experienced something similar when he was living on the streets in Halifax in the fall of that same year.

Burton, 30, says a youth came

at him one night with a bottle of hair spray, flicking a lighter in an attempt to set him alight as he stood on a wharf downtown. He managed to flee but he says the episode served as a reminder of how dangerous it can be to live on the streets.

Statistics Canada does not track murders, assaults and sexual assaults committed against homeless people. But people who live on the street and their advocates say they happen frequently.

In downtown Toronto, Joe Sallai says he's lived on the streets since he was 16 and has been kicked, hit and spat on. He has seen people hurl bricks at other panhandlers.

"I've seen them get pulled by their hair and stuff just because they were panning," he

says. "Somebody wanted to be ignorant and walk by and do it. I've seen it happen quite a few times."

Life descends into a constant state of wariness, Sallai says.

"If not, they'll just catch you off guard and that'd be it."

Stephen Gaetz, director of the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness at York University in Toronto, says alarm bells should be going off for policy-makers and police after a municipal study in Waterloo, Ont., last fall.

Of 281 people surveyed, 41 per cent of them said they were a victim of a violent attack since becoming homeless. Some of the violence involved homeless people beating each other up, he said.

Christina Murray, who was homeless but now has housing

in Halifax, says violence can break out among people who are competing for privacy in shelters and space on sidewalks.

"I was at my friend's and she was letting me stay there and another girl came in and she wanted to stay there," says Murray, 57.

"This fight started and she got a hold of my hair and pulled out a garbage pail full of my hair."

Dunlop says each outburst of anger and violence leaves lasting trauma, adding that he feels nausea and fights off panic attacks when a "loud or vexatious" youth approaches him.

"It is a fear behaviour, with people trying to unconsciously eliminate the threat of homelessness in their own lives by harming those who remind them of it," he says. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Winnipeg police warn vulnerable

HOMICIDE

Two men killed in span of four hours over weekend

Winnipeg's homeless and vulnerable community are being warned after police say at least one suspect "brutally killed" two men within the span of four hours over the weekend, and police aren't ruling out a third.

Sgt. John O'Donovan of the Winnipeg Police Service's Homicide Unit said both men, the first man in his late 40s and the second late 60s, died in back lanes about a block

from each other in downtown Winnipeg.

"Both are victims from (the) vulnerable persons community," said Sgt. O'Donovan. "They're vulnerable in the way that they suffer from mental (illness) and substance abuse."

Sgt. O'Donovan said they were both killed between 9 p.m. Friday and 1 a.m. Saturday. He would not say how they died, but did release a picture of a man he said was in the area at the time and may have valuable information. Police are not calling the man a suspect, only a person of interest.

Sgt. O'Donovan said police were also not ruling out the possibility the beating death of a man in a bus shelter on

Main Street earlier this month was similarly linked.

A local homeless woman, who asked to be identified only as 'Red', said news of the violence didn't surprise her.

"You're always worried something will happen to you or your friends out here," she said. "The cops, they don't do nothing to help you, so we stick together."

Police said they are visiting local shelters to hand out information and warn the vulnerable population away from secluded areas.

Sgt. O'Donovan pleaded with citizens to come forward with information and to keep an eye on Winnipeg's most vulnerable.

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Conservatives strategize to regain lost Quebec seats

POLITICS

Tory support increasing in parts of the province

When a popular Quebec mayor recently announced he was running for the federal Conservatives in this fall's election, the gathering included 20 of the region's 23 mayors.

That, says Alain Rayes, shows it's becoming less taboo in certain parts of Quebec to be publicly aligned with Stephen Harper's Tories.

"They took the risk of being seen next to (a Conservative) candidate," says Rayes, who has been mayor of Victoriaville since 2009.

The central Quebec town is about 150 kilometres east of Montreal and is in a riding won by the Bloc Québécois in 2011.

Support for the Tories is increasing in other historically small-conservative parts of the province according to recent polls that indicate the party could outstrip by far its 2011 Quebec seat count of five. Rayes says the rise in Conservative fortunes in the province is evidence Quebecers "want a seat at the table."

Gerard Deltell, a well-known provincial politician and another Tory recruit, says the spike in support for the Conservatives is due to Harper's tax cuts — something Quebecers are not used to with provincial governments — and



Coalition Avenir Quebec (translated as: Coalition for Quebec's future) MNA Gerard Deltell, a well-known provincial politician, announced on April 7 that he's quitting the CAQ and joining the Conservative Party of Canada for the upcoming federal election. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

the party's performance on the economy and security.

"The Conservatives can recruit those guys who are the grass-roots candidates — those who are deep in the community" said Deltell, who recently left his job as a member of the legislature for the right-leaning Coalition

for Quebec's Future (Coalition Avenir Quebec).

Another big name to announce his candidacy for the Conservatives is Jean Pelletier, who for years ran Quebec City's winter carnival.

Rayes, Deltell and other party activists say the person responsible for attracting star candidates and explaining the Conservative message to Quebecers is Denis Lebel, Harper's lieutenant in the province.

"I feel it on the ground," Lebel says in an interview, admitting he is the party's Quebec "con-

ductor."

"The welcome I get is different (than prior years). Everything is possible."

Lebel drove around the province toward the end of last summer to meet voters and woo them back to the Tories.

He knows Quebecers often vote in waves. In 1984, Brian Mulroney surged to power with the help of victory in 58 out of 75 ridings in the province. He repeated the trick in 1988 with 63 seats.

The latest example in Quebec came in 2011 when the popular

+ POPULARITY

Current polls suggest the Tories are becoming more popular around the Quebec City region as well as in areas up to 200 kilometres north and south of the provincial capital. While the Conservatives believe the improved numbers are down to party policies they say are resonating across the province, some Quebecers say it's the individual candidate who is leading them to vote Tory.

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Jack Layton led the NDP to 59 seats in the province.

Before Lebel's 2014 summer tour, the Conservatives were polling roughly at 12 per cent in Quebec. Now, poll aggregator website ThreeHundredEight.com puts the Tories at about 21 per cent and indicates the party could win more than 20 seats.

The Tories currently have five Quebec MPs, including four cabinet ministers.

Harper's best tally in Quebec was at the 2006 and 2008 elections when he won 10 seats both times. The Conservatives were shut out of the province in 2004 when Paul Martin's Liberals won a minority.

But Antoine Tardif, the 25-year-old mayor of Daveluyville, near Victoriaville, says what's most important when voting Conservative is not Harper, but gaining influence. Quebecers, he believes, are increasingly looking to the Tories as the party that will give them the best chance to be in government. THE CANADIAN PRESS

TIM HORTONS

Café founder facing lawsuit

The billionaire co-founder of Tim Hortons is on the receiving end of a civil suit alleging he sexually assaulted his sometime-lover four years ago. The Canadian Press has learned.

The action against Ron Joyce, who claims he's the victim of a "blatant" extortion attempt, predates an unrelated but similar lawsuit filed earlier this year by another woman, who alleges his son, Steven Joyce, assaulted her aboard his yacht in Florida in an incident he says was consensual.

In 2011, according to previously unreported court documents, the woman, now 34, spent the night at Ron Joyce's home in Burlington, Ont., so she could drive him to a doctor's appointment in Barrie, Ont., the following day.

They went to bed separately and she slept alone in the guestroom, they say.

"At 6 a.m., she awoke to find (Joyce) in her bed naked with his hands down her pyjama bottoms with his fingers inserted into her vagina," her unproven claim states. "(She) screamed repeatedly for the defendant to get off of her."

The Toronto woman says she has audio recordings of conversations with him in which he admits to assaulting her, according to her statement of claim.

The claim filed in May 2013, which seeks \$7.5 million in damages, alleges the incident left her suffering anxiety attacks and with severe emotional loss.

Joyce, 84, an Order of Canada honouree and one of the country's richest people, admits going into her room that morning but says it was only to awaken her for his doctor's appointment.

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Quebecers are going to be tempted to vote Conservative ... We want to have a seat at the table to influence things.

Antoine Tardif, Daveluyville mayor, near Victoriaville

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"You didn't have to go through this."

That's roughly the sentence I heard over and over again over the past five days during which I lived on \$1.75 a day. Most reactions from family members, friends and workmates were supportive, but a few suggested that volunteering for extreme poverty was almost going overboard. Someone even said, in an email, that it was a "trite experiment," calling it offensive to those who are in real struggle to make ends meet.

I don't necessarily concur with their views, but the detractors have a point. Every single day of those five, I never stopped feeling bad for people for whom extreme poverty is not a temporary state of affairs but an indefinite, day-in-day-out reality. As hard as it was for me to find enough food, I still had the luxury of enjoying other things around me: I was working; when it was cold, I had enough clothes to keep warm; and I had a nice place to stay. Heck, I was even travelling back and forth to the office in a train. That's nowhere near real poverty.

That's the point that Dominique Mishio wants to drive home. Mishio, head of Canada's Global Poverty Project, which is leading the Live Below the Line campaign, said the challenge is not about making participants feel the real misery of living in extreme poverty but about reflecting on poverty issues, increasing awareness and raising funds for the many organizations

LIVING BELOW THE LINE

The reporter: Gilbert Ngabo works for Metro in Toronto. He moved to Canada from Rwanda five years ago.

The mission: To live on just \$1.75 a day for five days — a challenge made to all Canadians by the Global Poverty Project, which says that's the daily budget of those who live below the poverty line.

The series: Day 5 of 5, reflecting on the meaning and purpose of the challenge

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that work to alleviate poverty in different parts of the world.

Hundreds of Canadians have taken the challenge every year since 2013, and many are sure to take it again starting today, the 2015 challenge's official launch date. You might be wondering, after reading all this, whether it's worth giving it a try yourself. Yes, over the course of the five-day challenge you may well feel some of the ambivalence that I went through, and, yes, you may field some of the same doubts and objections that I heard.

But your personal effort, when added to that of thousands more across the globe, will have practical impact.

The campaign has raised over \$250,000 over the past two years, and the money goes to fund fighting poverty in poor countries. Your donation will go toward efforts that could concretely improve — and perhaps even

save — lives. Maybe a poor kid somewhere will be able to go to school. Maybe a hospital in a remote village will receive medical supplies. Maybe starving children in a refugee camp will get some nutritious food.

Taking the challenge of eating on less than two dollars a day created an image of poverty in me that will haunt me for a long time. It's one thing to read numbers and reports on poverty issues; it's quite another to live through the pain that those numbers attest to — even for a short while and even according to arbitrary conditions.

Over a billion people live in extreme poverty. That's an alarming number, but I bet hardly anyone among the rich world is losing sleep over it. Which is very sad.

No, I didn't have to go through this kind of experiment. But I am glad I did. It served as an eye opener and changed my perspective on the choices I make every day. And I will donate what I can afford in order to help. You? You don't have to eat on \$1.75 a day, but you can help fight poverty and make it history.

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Some of the organizations partnering with Live Below the Line campaign to raise awareness and funds to fight poverty:

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Pyramids go unvisited

SUDAN

Tourism devastated by economic sanctions

The small, steep pyramids rising up from the desert hills of northern Sudan resemble those in neighbouring Egypt, but unlike the famed pyramids of Giza, the Sudanese site is largely deserted.

The pyramids at Meroe, some 200 kilometres north of Sudan's capital, Khartoum, are rarely visited despite being a UNESCO World Heritage site like those in Egypt. Sanctions against the government of longtime President Omar al-Bashir over Sudan's long-running internal conflicts limit its access to foreign aid and donations, while also hampering tourism.

The site, known as the Island of Meroe because an ancient, long-dried river ran around it, once served as the principle residence of the rulers of the Kush kingdom, known as the Black Pharaohs. Their pyra-

mids, ranging from 6 to 30 metres tall, were built between 720 and 300 B.C. The entrances usually face east to greet the rising sun.

The pyramids bear decorative elements inspired by Pharaonic Egypt, Greece and Rome, according to UNESCO, making them priceless relics. However, overeager archaeologists in the 19th century tore off the golden tips of some pyramids and reduced some to rubble, said Abdel-Rahman Omar, the head of the National Museum of Sudan in Khartoum.

On a recent day, a few tourists and white camels roamed the site, watched by a handful of security guards. Sudan's tourism industry has been devastated by economic sanctions imposed over the conflicts in Darfur and other regions. Al-Bashir's government, which came to power following a bloodless Islamist coup in 1989, has struggled to care for its antiquities.

Qatar has pledged \$135 million to renovate and support Sudan's antiquities in the last few years. But Omar said Sudan still receives just 15,000 tourists per year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Security guards walk next to one of the Meroe pyramids, in al-Bagrawiya, 200 kilometres north of Khartoum, Sudan, earlier this month. MOSAAB ELSHAMY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED KINGDOM

PM defends royals' hospital choice

With Britain's general election fast approaching, almost anything can become political — even Prince William and his wife Kate's choice of private medical care for the upcoming birth of their second child.

Prime Minister David Cameron on Sunday defended the royal couple's choice of private treatment over public care offered by the National Health Service.

Asked on TV if the royal couple's decision was disappointing, Cameron said he supports peoples' right to choose treatment options. He did praise the

NHS, which is a source of national pride for many Britons.

"The NHS is superb and I've seen that in my own life in so many different ways," he said. "But I believe in choice. I believe in people being able to do what they want to do." He said he is praying for a safe delivery of the royal baby.

The NHS has become a political issue during the hard fought campaign, with Cameron's opponents saying he wouldn't adequately fund it in the coming years if voters return him to 10 Downing Street on May 7.

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IN BRIEF

Five people missing after boats capsize off Alabama

U.S. Coast Guard crews continued searching Sunday for five people missing in the water after recovering two bodies following a powerful storm that capsized several sailboats participating in a regatta near Mobile Bay, Alabama. One body was discovered Saturday and another

was found on Sunday morning, Major Steve Thompson, director of the Alabama Department of Public Safety's Marine Patrol Division, said at a press conference in Dauphin Island. Authorities said crews are using boats and planes to search the bay, including its centre and areas closer to Dauphin Island.

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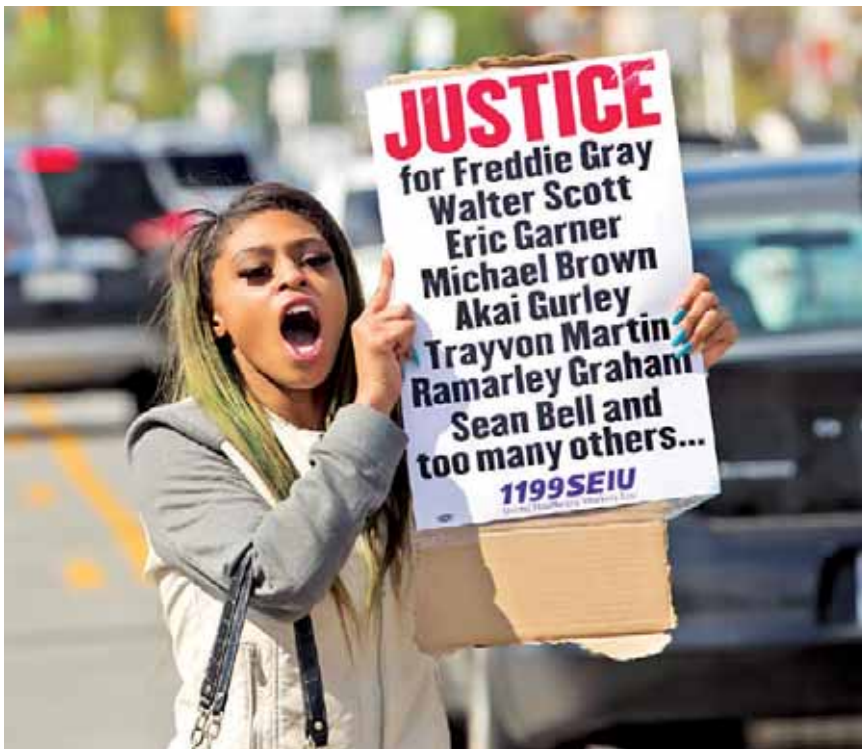
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BALTIMORE PROTESTS WAKE FOR FREDDIE GRAY AFTER NIGHT OF SCUFFLES

Caira Byrd holds support signs for Freddie Gray outside of Vaughn Greene Funeral Home, during his wake in Baltimore, Md., Sunday. Gray, 25, died from spinal injuries about a week after he was arrested and transported in a police van. Thousands of protesters took to the streets Saturday to demand answers after Deputy Commissioner Kevin Davis said Gray should have received medical attention at the spot where he was arrested, before he was put inside a police transport van handcuffed and without a seatbelt, a violation of the department's policy. JOSE LUIS MAGANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NIGER

Boko Haram attacks army base

Suspected Boko Haram fighters in motorized canoes attacked a Niger army base on an island in Lake Chad, the body of water touching all four countries that have been targeted by Nigeria's Islamic insurgency, Niger's defence ministry said Saturday.

The army may have suffered "heavy losses" in the attack on Karamga Island, said a Niger military source in the region who spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to speak to the press.

Casualty figures were not

provided in a defence ministry statement broadcast Saturday night on state television.

A similar attack on Karamga Island in February killed seven Niger soldiers, and 14 Boko Haram fighters were also killed, military officials said at the time.

In the latest attack, the assailants approached at dawn on Saturday in about 10 motorized canoes, the defence ministry statement said.

"Operations are ongoing with the aid of allies" to put an end

to the insurgent movement, the statement said.

Niger joined a regional offensive earlier this year that is credited with retaking large swaths of territory in Nigeria from Boko Haram. The original plans called for an 8,750-member regional force with troops also coming from Nigeria, Chad, Cameroon and Benin.

In addition to the Lake Chad violence, Niger towns bordering Nigeria were targeted in the early weeks of the offensive.

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Israel launches attack on border with Syria

AIR STRIKES

Military says militants with bomb were approaching

Israel's military said Sunday it launched an air strike on its border with Syria after spotting militants carrying a bomb in the Israeli-held Golan Heights.

The military said it carried out the strike after troops saw "a group of armed terrorists" approach the border with an explosive intended to target Israeli troops. It said that Israeli aircraft "targeted the squad, preventing the attack."

It did not offer any casualty figure for the strike. Iran's state-run, English-language satellite news channel Press TV later reported four people had been killed in an Israeli air strike in the Golan Heights, without elaborating.

On Twitter, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sent messages commending the soldiers involved in the strike.

"Any attempt to harm our soldiers and civilians will be met with a determined response like the military action tonight that thwarted a terror attack," Netanyahu said.

No one immediately claimed responsibility of the attack launched from inside Syria, which has been in the grips of a civil war since 2011. Syrian state media did not immediately report on the strike.

Israel has tried to stay out of the war in Syria, but it has spilled into the country before. In September, the Israeli military shot down a Syrian fighter jet in airspace over the Golan Heights, which Israel captured from Syria in the 1967 Middle East war and later annexed in a move that has never been internationally recognized. In August, Israel shot

down a drone that came into the same airspace from Syria.

Israeli troops also have responded to occasional mortar fire from Syria. Israel says some of the attacks may have been accidental spillover, while others have been intentionally aimed at Israeli civilians and soldiers. It has always held Syria responsible for any cross-border fire.

While relations are hostile, the ruling Assad family in Syria has kept the border area with Israel quiet for most of the past 40 years. Israel is concerned that the possible ouster of embattled President Bashar Assad's ouster could push the country into the hands of Islamic State extremists or al-Qaida linked militants, or plunge the region further into sectarian warfare.

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

INDONESIA

Government gives 72-hour execution notice to foreigners

Indonesia notified nine foreigners and a local man convicted of drug trafficking that their executions will be carried out within days, ignoring appeals by the UN chief and foreign leaders to spare them.

Authorities also asked the four Nigerian men, two Australian men, a Filipino woman, and one man each from Brazil, France and Indonesia for their last wish, the spokesman for the attorney general, Tony Spontana,

said Sunday.

He said the legal options of nine of them have been exhausted, while Frenchman Serge Atlaoui still has an outstanding legal complaint over the procedure followed in his request for clemency. Spontana said he expects the Supreme Court to rule on it Monday.

The 72-hour notice indicates the executions by firing squad in Besi prison on Nusakambangan Island will be carried out

at the earliest on Tuesday or Wednesday. The pending executions have caused an international outcry, particularly in Australia, France and the Philippines, which are opposed to the death penalty.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon urged President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo to "urgently consider declaring a moratorium on capital punishment in Indonesia, with a view toward abolition." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Aftershocks terrify survivors

CRISIS

'We don't feel safe at all,' says Nepalese man

Shell-shocked and sleeping in the streets, tens of thousands of Nepalese braced against terrifying aftershocks Sunday while digging for survivors in the devastation wrought a day earlier by a massive earthquake that ripped across this Himalayan nation and killed more than 3,218 people.

Acrid, white smoke rose above the nation's most revered Hindu temple, where dozens of bodies were being cremated at any given time.

Aid groups received the first word from remote mountain villages — reports that suggested many communities perched on mountainsides were devastated or struggling to cope.

Landslides hindered rescue teams that tried to use mountain trails to reach those in need, said Prakash Subedi, chief district official in the Gorkha region, where the quake was centred.

"Villages like this are routinely affected by landslides, and it's



Nepalese rest inside a van where they have taken shelter as it is considered safer in cars than inside houses due to repeated aftershocks in Kathmandu, Nepal, on Sunday.

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not uncommon for entire villages of 200, 300, up to 1,000 people to be completely buried by rock falls," said Matt Darvas, a member of the aid group World Vision. "It will likely be helicopter access only."

Saturday's magnitude-7.8 earthquake spread horror from

Kathmandu to small villages and to the slopes of Mount Everest, triggering an avalanche that buried part of the base camp packed with foreign climbers. At least 18 people died there and 61 were injured.

With people fearing more quakes, tens of thousands spent

the day crowding in the streets and the night sleeping in parks or on a golf course.

Crows screeched as the ground shook with the worst of the aftershocks — magnitude-6.7.

"We don't feel safe at all. There have been so many aftershocks. It doesn't stop," said Rajendra

+ CASUALTIES

Nepal authorities said Sunday that at least 3,218 people died in that country alone, not including the 18 dead in the Mount Everest avalanche. Another 61 people died from the quake in India and a few in other neighbouring countries.

At least 1,152 people died in Kathmandu, and the number of injured nationwide was upward of 5,900. Three policemen died during a rescue effort in Kathmandu, a police spokesman said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dhungana, 34, who spent the day with his niece's family for her cremation at the Pashuputi Nath Temple in Kathmandu. "I've watched hundreds of bodies burn. ... Nepal should learn a lesson from this. They should realize proper buildings should be built."

By late Sunday, the aftershocks appeared to be weakening. A magnitude-5.3 quake shook an area about 30 miles east of Kathmandu. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AID EFFORTS

Global response gears up

There is still time to save lives — that's why governments and aid agencies Sunday rushed doctors, volunteers and equipment to Nepal without waiting for the dust to settle.

UN spokeswoman Orla Fagan, who is heading to Nepal, said preventing the spread of disease is one of the most important tasks facing aid workers who are arriving.

"There are 14 international medical teams on the way and either 14 or 15 international search-and-rescue teams on the way," she said. "They need to get in as soon as possible."

Substantial hurdles remain, but there were hopeful signs as Kathmandu's international airport reopened after Saturday's crushing earthquake, and some aid vehicles were able to travel overland from India to the stricken Nepalese city of Pokhara.

"That means supplies could potentially come in overland from India. That is a positive sign," said Ben Pickering, Save the Children's humanitarian adviser in Britain. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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As part of the Northeast Anthony Henday Drive project, the 17 Street/Sherwood Park Freeway interchange is being reconstructed to a full diamond interchange, with two new bridges replacing the existing bridge. These improvements will enhance safety and capacity in preparation for increased traffic expected when the Edmonton Ring Road is completed in fall 2016.

This is an advanced notification that the 17 Street bridge over Sherwood Park Freeway will be closed from May 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015*. The closure is required to demolish the existing 17 Street bridge and reconstruct the interchange at 17 Street in its entirety. A temporary traffic intersection will be constructed where the old 76 Avenue flyover was, to assist the flow of traffic in the area. The 17 Street closure and reconstruction will be done in 5 separate stages.

When completed in the fall of 2016, the 17 Street interchange will provide the general public with an uninterrupted commute for the City of Edmonton and Sherwood Park to the 17 Street Area, with improved access as a full diamond interchange.

For traffic updates on this project, visit the Northeast Anthony Henday Drive Project website at www.northeastanthonyhenday.com and follow @NEAHCityLink on Twitter.

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MORE DETAILS

What happened?

U.S. Geological Survey seismologist Paul Earle said the quake happened on what is known as a "thrust fault." That describes the situation when one piece of the Earth's crust is moving beneath another piece.

In this case, it's the Indian plate that is moving north at 45 millimetres a year under the Eurasian plate to the north, Earle said.

Aid efforts:

With Kathmandu's airport reopened Sunday, the first aid flights began delivering supplies.

The first to respond were Nepal's neighbours India, China and Pakistan. Indian air-force planes landed with 43 tons of relief material, including tents and food, and nearly 200 rescuers, India's External Affairs Ministry spokesman Vikas Swarup said.

Nepal's struggles:

Nepal is a relatively poor country without extensive resources despite its rich cultural heritage and spectacular mountain scenery. It has been plagued by instability in recent years.

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Avalanche devastates Mt. Everest base camp

EVACUATION

Survivors say dozens almost certainly dead

Mountaineers, guides and porters streamed from Mount Everest base camp on Sunday in the wake of a deadly earthquake-triggered avalanche that obliterated parts of the rocky village of nylon tents. Some warned that dozens of people may still be missing.

The worst injured were ferried out in helicopters, while those remaining at base camp endured a series of powerful aftershocks, some of which caused smaller but still terrifying avalanches in the surrounding mountains.

The avalanche on Saturday, set off by the massive earthquake that struck Nepal, left at least 18 people dead and dozens more injured.

But as the first stunned survivors of the avalanche reached Kathmandu, Nepal's capital, they said that dozens of people may still be missing and were



Injured Sherpa guides sit inside a bus after they were evacuated from Mount Everest Base Camp, in Kathmandu, Nepal, on Sunday. BIKRAM RAI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

almost certainly dead.

"The snow swept away many tents and people," said Gyelu Sherpa, a guide among the first group of 15 injured survivors to reach Kathmandu.

The 15, most of them Sherpa guides or support staff working on Everest, flew from Lukla, a small airstrip not far from Everest. None were believed to be facing life-threatening injuries.

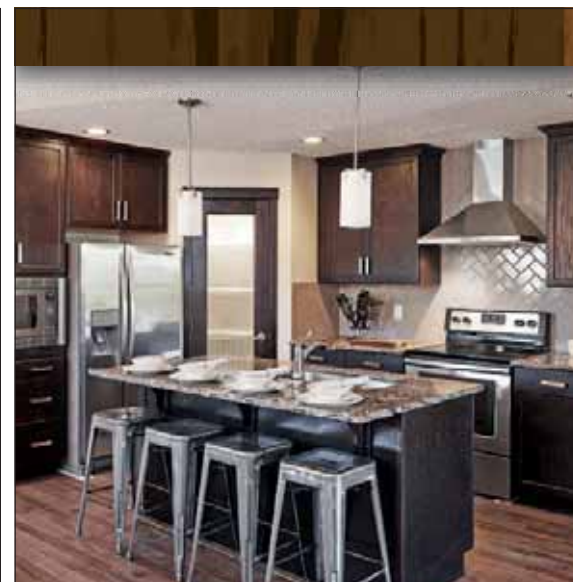
Bhim Bahadur Khatri, 35, a cook and a Sherpa, was preparing food in a meal tent when

the avalanche struck.

"We all rushed out to the open, and the next moment a huge wall of snow just piled on me," he said. "I managed to dig out of what could easily have been my grave. I wiggled and used my hands as claws to dig as much as I could. I was suffocating; I could not breathe."

When he finally dug his way out, he was surrounded by devastation. Part of the base camp village was gone.

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Internet billionaires reach for the stars

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The presence of Blue Origin, LLC, the brainchild of Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, barely registers in nearby Van Horn, a way station along Interstate 10, a full decade after he began buying land in one of Texas' largest and most remote counties.

Few visitors are allowed beyond the No Trespassing sign and a remote-controlled gate and into the desert and mountain environment reminiscent of the Air Force's renowned Area 51 in Nevada. The privileged who do get inside decline to describe what they've seen, typically citing confidentiality agreements.

"No one gets in other than employees," says Robert Morales, editor of the weekly Van Horn Advocate newspaper.

At the opposite end — of

Texas and the competition — is the highly visible SpaceX venture, led by PayPal co-founder and electric carmaker Elon Musk. His company contracts with NASA to resupply the International Space Station and is building a launch site about 950 kilometres from Van Horn, on the southernmost Texas Gulf coast, with the much-publicized goal of sending humans to Mars.

SpaceX and Blue Origin are among several U.S. companies engaged in the private space business. Both men have seemingly unlimited resources — Bezos' wealth is estimated at nearly \$35 billion US, Musk's at \$12 billion US — and lofty aspirations: launching a new era of commercial space operations, in part by cutting costs through reusable rockets.

Over the last decade, Bezos, 51, has bought at least seven ranches, totalling 1,900 square miles, near the Texas-New Mexico border and Guadalupe Mountains National Park.

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Billionaire space entrepreneurs Jeff Bezos, left, and Elon Musk, have put their vast fortunes toward building a new era of commercial space operations. GETTY IMAGES

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Chanel N°5's secret of success is at risk

COMOROS

Slew of factors threatening production of fragrant flower

In a dense thicket in the middle of the impoverished Indian Ocean archipelago of the Comoros, Ibrahim Bacar is plucking tiny ylang ylang flowers.

The barely visible yellow blossoms with an intoxicating aroma contain the oil that provides the distinctive scent in Chanel N°5, one of the world's best-selling fragrances.

Ylang ylang is also a key ingredient of many other per-

fumes and Comoros is the world's top producer of the essential oil extracted from the flower — a commodity that makes up one-tenth of the archipelago's total export revenues. But decades of under-investment in aging plantations, an exodus of flower gatherers willing to do the painstaking work and deforestation are threatening production of the flower.

"Despite the economic importance of the essential oil of ylang ylang, it is surprising that there is no improvement program for the plant," wrote Celine Benini, an agriculture specialist at Belgium's Liege University, in a study.

Each year, Comoros produces between 30 and 40 tonnes of the essential oil mainly on the island of Anjouan, home to 350 distilleries.

Economists believe that the Comoros could extract more

from ylang ylang if the sector was given an overhaul. In 2013 and 2014, the country exported just \$1.6 million US worth of the essential oil a year.

Ibrahim Ahmada, an economist at the International Monetary Fund (IMF), said the flower remains "a potential source of income and significant currency for the country" provided there is "serious reorganization of the sector".

Bacar, who inherited his eight hectare plot from his father, wants to move up the value chain by expanding his business from just planting ylang ylang trees to also distilling the essential oil. But with his limited takings, saving up to buy a distillery is taking time.

He sells one kilogram of the six-petalled flowers that bloom all year for less than a dollar. "If you supply 200 kilos of flowers, it should equal the price of a cow — 1,500 euros (\$1,600 US),

+ YLANG YLANG

Flower of flowers

Ylang ylang originated in the Philippines and means "flower of flowers" in the local Tagalog language. The French introduced the tree on the island of Reunion in the 1700s and in the early 1900s its cultivation spread to nearby Comoros and Madagascar. In 1921 Coco Chanel wanted a flower that captured "the scent of a woman". The solution was the ylang ylang, which led to the creation of N°5.

not just 200 euros (\$215 US)," said Bacar. "I know they make a lot with the oils, but I don't have a choice. I take the little they give me," he said.

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Heather Gautreau, 45, Halifax, N.S.

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Brutal honesty is the best policy if we want to nurture our artists

There's something awry in the way we treats artists in Canada.

It's not that we're too stingy with our love — it's that we're disingenuous.

Yes, we have some great critics (John Doyle for one), and it's culturally OK to hate Nickleback.

But most mainstream media coverage of writers, musicians, painters, sculptors or filmmakers tells me only two things: where that person was born; and why they, and their work, are wonderful.

It would be fine if that were always the truth. But it's not. Art criticism, according to Toronto writer and curator Amy Fung, is mostly "advertorial fluff."

Calling that approach "a PR department's job," not journalism's, Michael Lista has joined with fellow journalist Jason Gurriel to launch Partisan, an online magazine of "trenchant" art and culture reviews intended as a tonic for the limp discussions we usually see in this country.

Gurriel, in a 2013 interview, told how a major national newspaper pulled a review of Margaret Atwood's poetry simply because it was tough. Poets (which both men are) in particular are treated like the "asthmatic kids on the playground," Lista told me.

Culture journalists don't lack opinions, he argued, they're just saying them in

private. That saves them from professional blowback and potential fallout with the subjects of their critiques, a concern when the arts scene in this country, to quote a friend, is a "sock drawer."

"It's so small, it gets so intermingled, that you don't want to burn any bridges," said the friend, a musician who's toured with some of Canada's trendiest bands.

There's also the "whole CRTC-sponsored Cancon thing," Lista said, "where any Canadian culture needs to be nurtured like a delicate little flame."

That was certainly true of Jian Ghomeshi, celebrated for his gushing, groveling interviews which put every Q guest on a pedestal regardless of merit. Ironic, given that his most famous interview (with Billy Bob Thornton) featured a rare bit of controversy.

Canadian media tends to celebrate any whiff of Canadian success, equating it with talent.

I wondered whether Shad would break rank during his first week as host of Q. But I doubt it — it's his niceness that stood out.

That leaves the rest of us with middling, condescending public debate, and Canadian artists denied the benefits of sharp, smart criticism.

The best thing an artist can hear isn't pat compliments. It's honesty.

Time to get rid of our anti-renter prejudice

FOOTNOTES

Omar Mouallem



Two weeks ago, city council approved zoning bylaws that would allow for skinny homes and garage suites. It came after much debate, both in chambers and the public forum, and the same mature community residents fixated on the possibility of a rental suite in their back alleys.

A similar concern can be overheard on condominium boards worried that renters would devalue their properties. As my Metro Calgary counterpart Jeremy Klaszus put it, "renter" has become a dirty word.

As opposed to the almighty homeowner, "renter" is sometimes used as a shorthand for undesirables: young people, poor people, people who — gasp — don't pay property taxes (maybe not their own, but they're helping to pay someone's). But anyone who'd use the word this way is com-

pletely out of touch with the modern Edmonton renter.

With one of the lowest apartment-vacancy rates in Canada, Edmonton's two-bedroom rental rates are now the fourth highest and almost level with Toronto, according to an outlook report from Colliers International. There are few apartments available for less than \$1,000 a month, and new apartments cost between \$1,500 and \$1,800 per month.

Real estate investor and marketer Robert McLeod has noticed the changing demographic of renters in areas such as Avalon Court in the southeast, which he markets on behalf of Ridge Development. "When I look at the credit reports," says McLeod, "I'm seeing average combined income of couples in the \$130,000 to \$150,000 range. These are people with the ability to own. They're new to their jobs. They're young and they have a lot of money."

Renters are motivated by a variety of factors: they don't feel secure in the often

volatile housing market; they can't afford a down payment on properties up to their standards; or they've come for a good job from afar and need something post-haste.

It parallels the apartment rush at the turn of the last century. According to the Edmonton City as Museum Project, developers catered to new arrivals with perks such as telephones and firewood delivery. There were NIM-BYs then, too, who worried the rental buildings would become glorified boarding houses, but instead properties like the Lemarchand Mansion apartments appeared.

The rise of the middle class following the Second World War made the idea of home ownership the norm. Today, only 37 per cent of Edmontonians rent, compared to a little over half in 1983, according to the city's Growth Analysis Unit. So it's no surprise that views of renters might be skewed.

Even the commonly accepted wisdom that renters

devalue a condo building or neighbourhood property isn't always true. One U.S. study found that condo owner-occupiers are less likely to accept increased association dues, to improve landscaping, for instance.

And according to the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver's research, there's evidence that affordable rental units have the opposite effect. "Quality higher-density developments bring benefits including decreased pollution since more residents walk, cycle and take transit," it reads.

Of course, \$1,500 rent shouldn't be the norm for everyone. There's desperate need for social and low-income housing, and I personally don't care whose backyard it appears in. But people who treat renters, low-income or high, as we tend to do — as others who aren't of our ilk? Not in my backyard.

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Bruce Jenner hailed for 'bravery'

ABC INTERVIEW
Reaction pours in as reality TV star comes out as transgender

U.S. Olympic champion turned reality TV star Bruce Jenner won praise over the weekend from celebrities and activists for revealing he is transitioning from male to female, ending long-running speculation he identifies as a woman.

In a highly anticipated, two-hour television interview aired Friday — hailed by transgender rights' campaigners and his own Kardashian-linked family — the 65-year-old said he had wrestled with his sexual identity since he was a kid.

"I've always been confused about my gender identity since I was this big," he told ABC's celebrity interviewer Diane Sawyer.

"Here I am, stuck — and I hate the word — (a) girl stuck in a guy's body ... As of now I have all the male parts and all that kind of stuff."

But asked point blank if he was a woman, Jenner said: "Yes. For all intents and purposes, I'm a woman."

Speculation that the actor, race-car enthusiast and 1976 Montreal Summer Olympics decathlon gold medalist was undergoing a sex change has been rich fodder for supermarket tabloids for months.

Supposed telltale signs, based on paparazzi photos from the streets of Los Angeles, include



In a two-hour interview aired Friday, Bruce Jenner told ABC's Diane Sawyer that he is transitioning from male to female. HANDOUT

shaved limbs, long hair worn in a ponytail and what appears to be a sports bra under a T-shirt.

Jenner said he identifies himself as "her," but not by a specific name. The ABC interviewer used "he" and "him" throughout, without causing any apparent discomfort for the former Olympian.

He stressed the difference between gender identity and sexuality.

"I am not gay," Jenner said. "I am, as far as I know, heterosexual. I've always been with a woman, raising kids."

Just before making the long-expected announcement, Jenner symbolically let his hair down.

972,000

Nielsen Social estimated that there were 972,000 tweets sent on Friday night alone about the Jenner interview.

"Let's take the damn ponytail out," he told Sawyer, smiling.

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) rights group GLAAD welcomed Jenner's announcement.

"Though Jenner's journey is one that is deeply personal, it is also one that will impact and

inspire countless people around the world," GLAAD head Sarah Kate Ellis said.

GLAAD also noted that media at this time should continue to refer to Jenner by his current name and with male pronouns to be respectful of his wishes, as he has not requested that a new name or pronoun be used.

Thrice-married Jenner became an American sports hero when he set a world record with his Montreal decathlon victory.

He again became a household name through his marriage to the former Kris Kardashian and the TV series Keeping Up with the Kardashians, in which he appeared as the sometimes

bemused stepfather of her daughters Kourtney, Kim and Khloé. The couple, who have two daughters of their own, obtained a divorce in December — although he has been seen still wearing a wedding ring.

National Center for Transgender Equality advocacy group executive director Mara Keisling called Jenner's declaration "one of the most profound displays of bravery and courage I've seen."

Jenner, clearly relieved to have finally come clean, said: "I'm saying goodbye to people's perceptions of me and who I am."

"I'm not saying goodbye to me because this has always been me." AFP

"Not only was I able to call him my husband for 25 years and father of my children, I am now able to call him my hero."

Kris Jenner

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into debt to have the lifestyle you crave, then what you're craving isn't real; it's smoke and mirrors. Playing the keeping-up-with-the-Joneses game is stupid at the best of times, but it's suicidal if you're doing it on credit.

Just look at the size of the houses we're living in now compared to those in which our parents were raised. Back then people were having more kids but living in houses far smaller than we're willing to settle for today. And only the rich and

famous could afford granite counters and marble floors. Now we want a room for every child, plus a living room, family room, media room, and kids' playroom. And if we have to share a television, we're hard-done-by. And as our expectations have gone up, our ability to pay has been seriously challenged.

While we like to castigate the younger generation "giving into peer pressure," it's not just a problem of youth and immaturity. Age has little to do



"While you're busy envying Jane, Jane's probably envying Michael, who in turn is envying you."

with it. Do you worry about being judged by others? Do you spend more time on impressing others than on managing your money?

The big joke, of course, is that while you're busy envying Jane, Jane's probably envying Michael, who in turn is envying you. Yup, it's human nature to think that what other people have is better. That's "the grass is greener" syndrome. But if you can change what you're thinking about — stop focusing on the other and focus instead on yourself — you can change the feelings.

Hardly anyone can afford to do all the things they want to do if they're choosing to live within their means and stick to their priorities. Because I worked in a fickle industry, I prioritized savings. That meant making choices about what I'd spend my disposable income on. And a good thing, too, since my TV career came to an abrupt halt when production executives started asking me to do things that were against my values.

When you see people who seem to satisfy their every whim, don't even attempt to keep up. If you're wondering how they paid for it all, they very well may not have. Instead they've made their purchases on credit cards where only the minimum payment is made, they've financed with lines of credit, and they've consolidated their consumer debt to a mortgage yet one more time. It's easy to spot the stuff people buy; the debt they're dragging along usually can't be seen. It's their dirty little secret.

The next time envy niggles at you and the thought, "I wish I could, too," goes through your head, think about what else you don't have, along with the new and shiny: the debt. If you're smart enough to know what's really important, if you are clear about your values and make your purchases based on what's important to you, you've got no dirty little secrets to hide. You're living in the light. And it feels good, doesn't it?

Do you find yourself thinking about what your sister has that you don't? Or what kind of car your best friend drives that you can't afford? Or how "unfair" it is that your neighbours can travel every year when you haven't been able to scrounge up the money for the trip you've been promising yourself?

Remember the saying, "Keeping up with the Joneses"? It was used to denote our desire to keep pace with the spending of our neighbours. It was beautifully captured in a cartoon I once saw. A husband and wife are gardening together. The wife looks up to see a neighbour pulling into her driveway and says to her husband, "Damn, Shelly and Mike got a new car. And we were almost debt free!"

A lot of people create this problem for themselves. They imagine that others' lives are so much better and then they look for evidence to support their supposition. Ten years ago, before the avalanche of reality TV hit the airwaves, the Joneses were the people next door. Now people are feeling the push to keep up with the likes of movie stars and TV personalities who make gobs of money airing their lives to the nation and shopping as a hobby.

People who watch a lot of TV, read flashy magazines and walk the malls feel like they're always missing something because they have come to believe that "everyone else has one so I want one, too."

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THE DAILY SHOW

There will be tears, says Samantha Bee

Samantha Bee says she's stocked up on waterproof mascara and waterproof eyeliner in preparation for her final episode of *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart.

After 12 years with the satirical nightly news show, the Toronto-born comic makes her final appearance as Most Senior Correspondent on Thursday.

"I have been really emotional since the news broke and all that

stuff. So I'm going to be crying for sure," Bee says of how she'll handle her last taping.

"I went to the drugstore today and I literally bought waterproof mascara and waterproof eyeliner. Just to get through the next week."

Reached by phone recently in New York, Bee noted she had cried earlier that day when she taped her final podcast for the

show. Besides tears, Bee says Thursday's *Daily Show* episode will feature a "best-of" retrospective of her most memorable moments. She's just the latest in a string of personalities exiting the CTV/Comedy Network show: her husband and fellow correspondent Jason Jones left on March 26, and host Jon Stewart is set to make his last appearance as host on Aug. 6. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Samantha Bee.

IN BRIEF

Furious 7 leads box office for fourth straight week

Furious 7 had enough left in the tank to top *The Age of Adaline* and lead the box office for a fourth straight week. The Universal action film made an estimated \$18.3 million in North American theatres over the weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday. The film has had little

competition to challenge its juggernaut status throughout April. The Blake Lively fantasy romance *The Age of Adaline* was the only new wide release of the weekend, and it came in third with \$13.4 million. The Sony comedy *Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2* held up stronger than expected to earn \$15.5 million.

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App does a social media spring cleaning

TECH

New tool clears cringe-worthy posts from feed

Ever scrolled back on your Facebook, Twitter or Instagram feed and cringed? Or have you ever frantically scrambled through all of your social media posts while applying to a new job?

A new app called Clear can

help you with that.

Clear will analyze your social media profiles and give you a score on the potential liability of your social media presence. It also flags all of your potentially embarrassing tweets or Facebook posts — posts with curse words or sexually or racially charged words. Some flagged words include “black” or “gay.”

Founder Ethan Czahor has a very personal reason for creating the app; he lost his job as

Jeb Bush’s CTO because of offensive tweets.

Czahor wrote on the Clear website: “After graduating college, I moved to West Hollywood to study improv comedy at The Groundlings. I used my Twitter feed to test material, all of which was humorous and well-intended within the context of my community. Several years and career changes later, after having success in the startup world and battling Lyme disease, I landed

my dream job: CTO of Jeb Bush’s political operations.

“Unfortunately, my Twitter feed was unearthed, spun completely out of context to make me appear as someone I am certainly not, and I lost my job. I created Clear to make sure situations like mine never happen to anyone ever again.”

There are currently more than 1,000 people on the wait list for the app.

ANDREA PARK/METRO NEW YORK



Clear analyzes your social media profiles and flags potentially offensive posts. CONTRIBUTED

STRATEGY

Avoid confab fatigue with these meeting tips

OFFICE RELATIONS

Eleni Deacon



Long meetings. Pointless meetings. Boring meetings. Meetings that are actually lectures. Meetings that take you away from your desk for hours of abstract chit-chat when you have a scroll-length to-do list you could be tackling.

Sound familiar?

While group communication is an essential component of effective business, many employees complain that their most lethal productivity killer isn’t social media or noisy colleagues — it’s meetings.

Or rather, meeting after meeting after meeting.

There’s a simple way managers can take the weight off meeting overload: Schedule fewer of them.

Meetings should be a time to share updates, get on the same page, and develop actionable strategies.

They should not be a time for long-winded speeches or circular bickering.

Before scheduling a meeting, ask: Why are we doing this and does it require group attendance?

If the answer is vague, hit X on your invite. In many cases, it can be more efficient to contact one person for a direct project update than mobilize an entire team for a not-entirely-necessary gathering.

Another approach is to trade all-staff affairs for speedy, targeted powwows.

While certain types of meetings — strategic planning,

client consultations — may require a more substantive time commitment, just-another-day status reports should not dismantle your afternoon.

Try cutting the time you book for meetings in half — you may find you get the same amount done.

Stand-up meetings are also a fail-proof — if intentionally uncomfortable — way to keep meetings from falling flat.

The concept is self-explanatory: These chats are chair-free.

Instead, team members must deliver their debriefs while standing on two feet. Not only does this make it difficult to tune out — it also means everyone wants to finish the process as quickly as possible.

Regardless of the length or frequency of your meet-ups, they should be deliberately planned and efficiently run.

Set an agenda, and delegate one individual to moderate the action. A lot of the frustration surrounding meetings comes not only from the fact of having to be there, but also from the digressive and disorganized way that they’re managed.

Commit to a time frame and keep the discussion on point — this will keep attendees from getting annoyed.

While meetings are obligatory, time-wasting meetings are not.

To curb confab fatigue, set meetings that have clear objectives and on-task leadership.

And under no circumstances book a meeting to figure out a time to have another meeting about how to have better meetings.

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SLUGLINE

Good things come from bad bosses

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While it's certainly less than desirable, almost everyone has to endure a bad boss at some point in their career. And we all know that managing to maintain a working relationship with a difficult superior can be stressful and draining, to say the least.

But there could be a silver lining, according to author Merritt Watts. She believes that younger workers can benefit from the impact of a bad boss or two.

Watts' latest book, *First Jobs: True Tales of Bad Bosses, Quirky Coworkers, Big Breaks, and Small Paychecks*, compiles 50 stories (good and bad) about the various first jobs a wide variety of people have had over the years.

We caught up with Watts to ask her why it is important to stick it out and work with bad bosses at a first job.

You'll learn valuable lessons

"Having a bad boss at your first job is not going to derail your entire career," Watts points out.

"It's teaching you one of the most important things in the work-

force, which is how to deal with people. When you have a bad boss, you're forced to make it work, so I would arguably say that this is one of the most important skills you can learn," she says.

It will help you grow

"As teenagers, your brain goes through this huge neurological development, and you're forming new connections, so you're learning frontal lobe skills, such as calming yourself down when you're really mad or how to have a confrontational conversation with someone without blowing up," Watts explains.

"So if you're in this position for emotional growth, but you're not putting yourself in situations where you're forced to deal with it, then you're not going to acquire that skill, and that's going to haunt you forever," she adds.

It's a trial by fire

"Almost everyone has been there, and you have to realize that this is your first relationship with someone who is not your parent and not your teacher, and they just want the job done," she says.

"Think of it as a rite of passage and a way to bond with your co-workers."

“It’s teaching you one of the most important things in the workforce, which is how to deal with people.”

Merritt Watts, author



How to stay happy at a job that you hate

WORK

It's possible to make the most of your workplace

EMILY LAURENCE
Metro | New York

Most people don't work at their dream job, but that doesn't mean you have to spend your eight-hour shift miserable. If anyone knows a thing or two about making work fun, it's Laszlo Bock, the head of People Operations at Google. Here are a few of his tips:

Assume the best in people

If you think your boss is a jerk or one of your coworkers has a

bad attitude, Bock says it helps to remember that everyone has stuff going on in their personal lives and he or she could be projecting that at work.

"If someone comes into a meeting looking angry and drops their bag, we tend to think 'Well, that person is a real jerk.' We don't assume maybe their dog is sick or he or she has all these stressful things going on," Bock

says. It's certainly better than the alternative, assuming everyone is a terrible human being.

Focus on what you do like

Bock suggests "job crafting" — making a list of everything you do at work and shifting your time to focus on the things you most enjoy. "Even if (realistically) you aren't able to change your job, the simple act of making that list makes you more aware of the things you enjoy and that will make you happier and more productive," he says.

Express gratitude

It turns out that acting happy at work even when you aren't, and being nice to your coworkers even if they secretly annoy you, can make you actually feel happier. Bock says even devoting just a few minutes a day outwardly expressing gratitude will really lift your mood.

Realize no one loves their job all the time

Bock says even he has days when his job is not fun. "There's no job that will make you deliriously happy all the time. That's why people get paid to work," he says. "Especially when you are early in your career, it's important to remember that. And it gets better."

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Play up your experience

"Several years ago, (recruiters) focused on where you went to school and your grades, but we stopped caring about that stuff because none of that has actually proven how you're going to perform." Instead, use your resumé to show what you've done related to the job you're applying for.



Laszlo Bock is the author of *Work Rules!* and head of People Operations at Google. CONTRIBUTED

FAMILY HISTORY

Affleck not alone in unsavoury ancestry

Ben Affleck recently admitted he was embarrassed by his ancestral ties to a slave owner, but the Oscar winner is hardly alone when it comes to having a controversial family history.

Unearthing sordid details about relatives is not uncommon, according to genealogists.

"You might find somebody with a criminal record and things like that, but it's personal because it's family — it's your family," said professional genealogist Ruth Blair of Blair Archival Research based in Oakville, Ont.

"There's just great sensitivity to some of these topics."

Affleck expressed regret in a Facebook post for seeking to have the information about his ancestor omitted from the episode of *Finding Your Roots* which featured the actor and aired last October.

Barry Sheldon, vice-president and lead researcher of Genealogists.com, said no one should look poorly upon Affleck because of his ancestral ties, adding that individuals "can't be held guilty by association."

"We all have something," Sheldon said from Berrien Springs, Mich.

"Slavery was a way of life and it was an unfortunate way of life, at least here in the United States."

In researching his own collateral line, Ontario Genealogical Society president Alan Campbell discovered a man who had enlisted to serve in the First World War but was dishonourably discharged because of frequent drunkenness.

Meanwhile, two of the discharged serviceman's grandchildren went on to serve proudly in the military. "For them, that was a major impact, a disappointment." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Stephen Hawking. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Hologram Hawking's One Direction theory

DON'T WORRY, TEEN GIRLS

In another universe, Zayne could still be in 1D: Hawking



Ned Ehrbar

If you had the chance to ask Stephen Hawking just one question, obviously it would be about One Direction, right? The famed physicist was appearing — via 3D hologram, because he's awesome

— at the Sydney Opera House to take a few questions recently, and one of those was, "What do you think is the cosmological effect of Zayn Malik leaving One Direction and consequently breaking the hearts of millions of teenage girls across the world?"

Now, before you go and get embarrassed on humanity's behalf, just know that Hawking was delighted. "Finally, a question about something important," he responded. "My advice to any heartbroken young girl is to pay close attention to the study of theoretical physics. Because one day there may well be proof of multiple universes. It would not be beyond

the realms of possibility that somewhere outside of our own universe lies another, different universe. And in that universe, Zayn is still in One Direction."

Um, guys? I think we just found a way to get kids interested in science again.



GOSSIP NOTES

You didn't get your invite to David Beckham's birthday yet?

David Beckham is turning 40 — yes, 40 — this coming Saturday, and to celebrate the milestone, he's reportedly planning a massive, lavish, weekend-long bash at his favourite five-star Moroccan resort, according to the Sun. Oh, and he's flying a bunch of famous friends in for the occasion, though they haven't been given the exact location yet. On the private jet flight plan for the event? Tom Cruise, Guy Ritchie and Gordon Ramsay plus Liv Tyler and boyfriend Dave Gardner. "He'll only turn 40 once, so he wants to do it in style. Morocco is a place close to his heart," a source says. There's still a few days to go, though, in case — like me — you're wondering why your invitation hasn't turned up yet. A simple oversight, I'm sure.

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David Beckham

"Please don't describe my areolas, either." Hey, duty calls.

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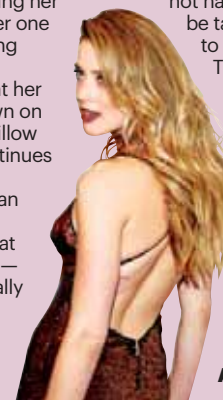
Amber Heard tired of over-sexualized roles

Yes, we get it, Amber Heard is very attractive. But she's got more than that to offer, OK? Heard hit the Tribeca Film Festival to celebrate the premiere of *When I Live My Life Over Again*, which features her in a role that's not over-sexualized. "I've been in this business for 12 years or something, and it's incredibly frustrating to be able to just now be trusted or given roles like this because this industry's very hard on women, because you're constantly asked to choose between one of two archetypes: sexy or not," she tells *Indiewire*. "It's incredibly frustrating that a system is in place where you have to choose one or the other. I should

not have to choose to be taken seriously or to be beautiful. ...

The really f—ed up thing is that nobody has any incentive in this industry to invest in something other than what can be seen in you or what's the easiest thing to do." NED EHRBAR

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Habs send Sens into summer

NHL PLAYOFFS
Ottawa offence runs dry in hard-fought Game 6 loss

Brendan Gallagher scored in the first period and Carey Price made 43 saves as the Montreal Canadiens defeated the Ottawa Senators 2-0 to advance to the second round of the NHL playoffs on Sunday night.

Montreal won the best-of-seven series 4-2, but lost two in a row after taking a 3-0 series lead.

"We knew it wouldn't be easy right from the start," said Canadiens defenceman P.K. Subban. "I liked the way we won. We had to work for it."

Max Pacioretty sealed the win with an empty-net goal with one second remaining.

"Advancing is such a great feeling but we have to be honest, we got some bounces tonight," said Pacioretty. "They poured it on us pretty good and Carey was a wall back there."

Price, nominated for the Vezina Trophy as the league's top goalie and perhaps a candidate for most valuable player honours, rebounded after allowing five goals in Game 5 with a masterful effort as Ottawa outshot the Canadiens 43-20.

Montreal, which reached the Eastern Conference final last spring, is in the second round for a second year in a row for the first time since 1992 and 1993.

After controlling the early



The Canadiens celebrate Brendan Gallagher's goal on Senators goalie Craig Anderson on Sunday night in Ottawa. The Canadiens won 2-0 to finish off the series in six games. MINAS PANAGIOTAKIS/GETTY IMAGES

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going, the Canadiens got the first goal for the first time in the series when Gallagher took a high Greg Pateryn shot off his body and batted it past Craig Anderson at 13:26.

Montreal had the first six shots of the game but the Senators outshot them 16-3 in a

dominant second in which they did everything but score.

The 20,500 fans at the Canadian Tire Centre were screaming for a too many men on the ice call against Montreal when perhaps a worse omission occurred as referee Chris Lee blew a quick whistle just before Jean-Gabriel Pageau put a puck in at 6:55 that had fallen past Price.

A late tripping call on Jacob de la Rose gave Ottawa a last chance on the power play, and near the end of it pulled Anderson for a two-skater advantage.

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+ IN ST. PAUL

Wild on to face Chicago

Zach Parise scored twice, including a short-handed, highlight-reel goal to get Minnesota going in the first period, and the Wild advanced to the Western Conference semifinals with a 4-1 victory over the St. Louis Blues on Sunday in Game 6.

Justin Fontaine also scored, Nino Niederreiter added an empty-net goal and the Wild set up a rematch of their second-round loss last year to Chicago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



The Wild celebrate Zach Parise's short-handed goal against the Blues on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

WORLD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Sid the Kid named to Canadian squad

Sidney Crosby is heading to the world hockey championship.

Hockey Canada announced Sunday that Pittsburgh Penguins captain will join the men's national team in the Czech Republic for the May 1-17 tournament. He's now one of 21 players on Team Canada, which can add players eliminated from Stanley Cup playoffs, for a final roster of up to 25 total.

The Penguins were ousted



Sidney Crosby
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third in NHL scoring during the regular season.

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO IN HALIFAX

from the first round of the playoffs following five games against the New York Rangers.

Crosby tallied four points in the series, and notched 84 points to finish third in NHL scoring during the regular season.

IN BRIEF

Wizards sweep Raptors

The Toronto Raptors were eliminated from the post-season after falling 125-94 to the Washington Wizards on Sunday in Game 4.

Washington swept the first-round series 4-0.

Bradley Beal scored 23 points for the Wizards while Marcin Gortat had 21 points and 11 rebounds. Paul Pierce added 14 points for Washington.

Kyle Lowry led the Raptors with 23 points. Jonas Valanciunas added 16 points. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cavaliers lose Love as they eliminate Celtics

LeBron James scored 27 points and the Cleveland Cavaliers overcame a shoulder injury to Kevin Love to complete a first-round sweep of the Boston Celtics with a 101-93 victory Sunday.

Love left the court in the first quarter with a dislocated left shoulder, and J.R. Smith was ejected for swinging his arm at Jae Crowder, but the Cavaliers held on to win a series for the first time since 2010.

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Paul, Clippers even series with Spurs

Chris Paul had 34 points and seven assists, Blake Griffin added 20 points and 19 rebounds, and the Los Angeles Clippers beat the San Antonio Spurs 114-105 on Sunday to even their first-round series at two games apiece.

J.J. Redick scored 17 points for



Chris Paul
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the Clippers and Austin Rivers provided an unexpected boost off the bench with a post-season career-high 16 points.

Game 5 of the only series that is tied after four games is Tuesday in Los Angeles.

Kawhi Leonard led the Spurs with 26 points.

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Jays can't cope with Archer's accuracy

MLB

In-form Tampa pitcher hasn't given up earned run in four

Chris Archer pitched two-hit ball in seven scoreless innings and Brandon Guyer drove in four runs Sunday as the Tampa Bay Rays won their fifth straight, 5-1 over

the Toronto Blue Jays. Archer (3-2) became the first American League pitcher to go four starts within one season without giving up an earned run since Zach Greinke did it for Kansas City in 2009.

Archer gave up an unearned run in a 1-0 loss to Boston on Tuesday, but he has not given up an earned run since opening day, a span of 26 2-3 innings. His ERA is 0.84.

Evan Longoria had three

straight hits and a walk for the Rays after going 4 for 4 on Saturday. Longoria's batting average rose from .218 to .306 in two games. Guyer hit the second pitch from Mark Buehrle (3-1) for a home run, his first of the season. Logan Forsythe drove in another run for the Rays in the first inning with a double after Longoria's single.

Guyer made it 3-0 with a sacrifice fly in the fourth, then drove in two more runs with a two-out

single off Buehrle in the sixth.

Matt Andriese pitched the final two innings for the Rays. Tim Beckham had two hits for Tampa Bay and scored twice.

Buehrle, who had been supported by 12 or more runs in each of his three preceding starts, gave up five runs on 13 hits in 5 2-3 innings. The Blue Jays scored six runs in losing three straight at Tropicana Field, where they are 11-21 since 2012.

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Jays' Dalton Pompey strikes out swinging with two men on base in the ninth against the Rays on Sunday in Florida. GETTY IMAGES

PREMIER LEAGUE

Tie moves Chelsea step closer to title



Chelsea's Didier Drogba, right, battles Arsenal's Per Mertesacker in London on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

With a tenacious defensive display, Chelsea held Arsenal to a 0-0 draw on Sunday to close in on its first Premier League title in five years. Aside from penalty decisions not going Chelsea's way, the only thing that frustrated coach Jose Mourinho at the Emirates Stadium was the chant from Arsenal fans at the end: "Boring, boring Chelsea."

Chelsea is 10 points clear of defending champion Manchester City and Arsenal at the top of the standings with five games to go. And Mourinho was quick to remind Arsenal fans after the game that their team hasn't won the

AWARD

Later Sunday, Chelsea's Eden Hazard picked up the player of the year award, voted on by his peers.

title since 2004. Chelsea has won the league three times since then, with the 2005 and 2006 titles coming in Mourinho's first reign.

"You support a club and you are waiting for so many years without a Premier League title," Mourinho said. "I think that is very boring." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Few surprises expected as Herdman prepares to name women's World Cup roster

The Canadian women's soccer team, which went from last at the 2011 World Cup to the medal podium at the 2012 London Olympics, unveils its roster Monday for this summer's World Cup campaign. There should be few surprises, although coach John Herdman appears poised to include veteran Diana Matheson in his 23-woman squad. The 31-year-old Matheson, a key cog in the team's midfield engine, injured her anterior cruciate ligament last October in a friendly and

was seen last week with crutches after tweaking a foot in her comeback. Still Herdman said the 166-cap Matheson would be "given every chance."

Defender Lauren Sesselmann, who tore up her knee in February 2014, has already returned to action. Herdman has 25 women in residence including Matheson, so the cut is minimal. He will also name a taxi squad of some six players in case of injury.

"It's been a tough process but I think we've got the right people on the bus," said Herdman, who led Canada to Olympic bronze.

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Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes

Ingredients

- Serves 8
- Meatballs
- 4 oz lean ground beef
- 2 Tbsp bread crumbs
- 1 Tbsp finely chopped green onions
- 1 Tbsp barbeque sauce
- 1 small egg
- ½ tsp minced garlic
- 1 – 12" whole wheat thin pizza crust
- ½ cup tomato sauce
- 3 oz grated mozzarella cheese
- 2 Tbsp chopped basil

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 F. Spray

a baking sheet or pizza pan with vegetable oil.

2. In a bowl, combine ground beef, bread crumbs, onions, barbeque sauce, egg and garlic. Form into mini meatballs (around 20).

3. Spread tomato sauce over pizza bread, scatter meatballs on top and add grated cheese. Bake for 15 - 20 minutes or until bread browns and turns crisp.

4. Garnish with basil.

Nutrition information per serving

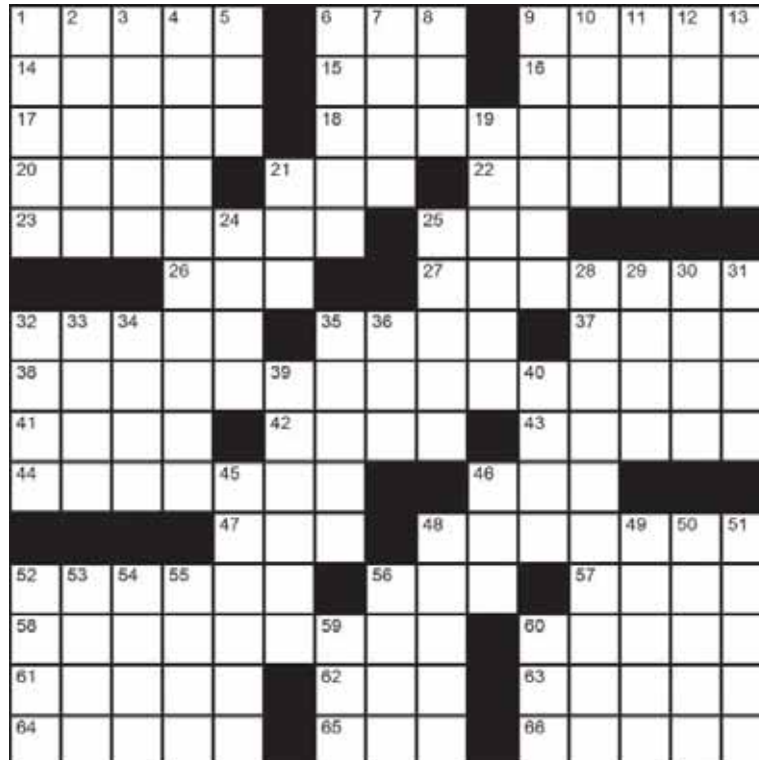
- Calories 178
- Carbohydrates 20 g
- Fibre 0.8 g
- Protein 9.2 g
- Fat 6.5 g
- Saturated fat 2.2 g
- Cholesterol 33 mg
- Sodium 413 mg

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. "___ I saw. I conquered."
6. Tangle
9. Mary J. Blige's "No More ___"
14. Couches
15. Ms. Lupino
16. Reddish-rose dye
17. Accumulate
18. Philippe ___, Premier of Quebec
20. "What ___ mind reader?"
21. Married title
22. Guns ___ (American rockers)
23. Mount Sir Wilfrid Laurier is this BC range's highest peak, ___ Mountains
25. Rusted
26. "Moist" suffix
27. Journeys
32. Spanish wine region
35. Cat's sound
37. "The Producers" (2005) character
38. CN Tower, for example: 2 wds.
41. Gary ___, Canada's Ambassador to the United States
42. Eng. is part of it: 2 wds.
43. Numbered albums songstress
44. FOX News' "The ___ Factor"
46. Road type, e.g.
47. Be ill
48. Particular pickle
52. Loses one's composure in an emergency



56. Fashion designer Anna
57. Excavation for extracting
58. Pasta order
60. Countries
61. From head
62. Mr. Linden
63. Accountant's review

64. Novelist's creation
65. Conclusion
66. Hillsides

DOWN

1. Abraham's offering to God
2. ,
3. Get ___ shake
4. General Manager

- of the Toronto Raptors: 2 wds.
5. Cousin of -ette
6. Very tiny
7. Brouhahas
8. Greek alphabet's 19th letter
9. Singer Lana: 2 wds.
10. Chocolate-coated caramel candy

11. Botanist Mr. Gray's
12. Muck
13. Connectors of words
19. Not on the road, as a sports team: 2 wds.
21. Canadian musician Mr. Berg
24. Kellogg's All-__

25. Intro-to-French verb
28. Montreal-born musician Melissa: 3 wds.
29. Much meriment
30. Airline of Israel: 2 wds.
31. Fully satisfy
32. Fix over again
33. "This is some priority; ___ we are spoilt." - Shakespeare
34. Decorative curved arch
35. Ms. Streep
36. Literary monogram
39. Church: French
40. Donated
45. Singer/host Nick
46. Sushi tuna
48. Association for crafts/trades people
49. In a way, slang-style
50. Sort of film or band
51. Aeries
52. Calif. clock settings
53. ___ of boiling potatoes (Stove sight)
54. Intl. alliance created in 1949
55. Prince ___ (Alexander Borodin opera)
56. Comic books legend Mr. Lee
59. Definite article
60. Petri dish locale

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries March 21 - April 20

If something goes wrong over the next 24 hours there are two approaches you can take: either you can look round for someone to blame or you can take responsibility yourself. Make it the latter.

♉ Taurus April 21 - May 21

There will be a clash of egos as the new week begins and although you won't be directly involved you will be affected. Under no circumstances agree to take sides, because even if you choose right you will lose out in some way.

♊ Gemini May 22 - June 21

You will clash with someone whose opinions you don't much like today, but if you stay calm and think logically you may discover that what they are saying has an element of truth in it.

♋ Cancer June 22 - July 23

You will find yourself up against someone who is every bit as immovable as you, so the best you can hope for is a stalemate. Don't waste your time and energy on battles like this that cannot be won.

♌ Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

Be careful what you say as the new week gets underway because the planets warn you could say far too much. You may have been able to laugh off your big mouth in the past but now others won't be quite so forgiving.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Your sixth sense is telling you that something is wrong with your life and needs to be fixed. There will be a lot of upheavals over the next few days - use them to disguise your own mini revolution.

♎ Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

If you hesitate for even a moment today you could miss out on an opportunity that may not come again for a very long time. Make sure you stay alert over the next 24 hours.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You won't hesitate to speak your mind today but be careful because certain people have got it into their head that you could do with being taken down a peg or two. Be confident but be tactful too.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

According to the planets you have been focusing on trivia and missing the big stuff. You will mentally kick yourself later if you look back and see what you might have achieved.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

If you take a risk of some kind over money today it may pay off, but even if it does you must not cast aside your usual cautious Capricorn nature. You of all people should know that it's not about risk, it's about hard work.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

If someone promises you the world and fails to deliver today you will no doubt be angry, but you should be at least as angry with yourself as you are with them. You knew they were aiming too high and you should have told them.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

Try not to let your imagination get the better of you today, because once it heads off in a crazy direction it may be hard to bring it back to reality.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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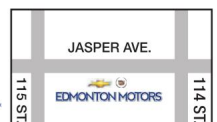
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